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THE OBSERVATOR.

Farther Remarks on Dr. Sacheverell's *rebellious Mobs, and the other Practices of his Party.* Henry *againſt* Sacheverell; *or, his Speech againſt his Sermons. By* Roger. *For proving which, the* Obſervator *reſigns his Poſt to* Roger, *and his Son* Tom, *as able to carry on the Paper themſelves. Dr.* Sacheverell's *damning both Queen and Parliament, prov'd from his own Words.*

From Saturday, March 25. to Wednesday, March 29. 1710.

Obſ. I Hope you have done with Dr. *Sacheverell* now, *Roger*; we muſt call a new Cauſe.

Country-m. I beg your Pardon, Maſter, he and his Faction have not yet done with us, and therefore we muſt not have done with them; for while that Eccleſiaſtical *Don Quixot*, and his Excrement of the Mob, attack our Conſtitution, I can't help belabouring them with my Oaken Towel, which, tho' it don't make ſo great a Show, does as much Execution as their Broomſticks and Mopſtaves, with which Paſſive-Obedience and Non-Reſiſtance have lately arm'd themſelves againſt the Church and State.

Obſ. Why what's the Matter, *Roger*? I thought there had been an End of the Doctor, and his two Champions you mention; were they not publickly executed by the Hand of the Hang-man on *Monday* laſt?

Country-m. How much are you miſtaken, Maſter? They were only executed in Effigy; they themſelves are ſtill as ſound as a Roach.

Obſ. Don't tell me ſo, *Roger*, they are dead as ſure as a Herring. Their better Part, that is, their Soul and Mind was executed with all poſſible Infamy, according to Parliamentary Sentence, which is more to me, and all Men of Senſe, than if 10000 of their Heads and Quarters had been fix'd upon the Gates of the City, the *Bridge*, the *Tower*, the *Gatehouſe*, *Weſtminſter-hall*, and the Gates of all the Towns in *England*. They are bury'd under the Gallows, and there let them lie, *Roger*.

Country-m. They are wicked Spirits, Maſter, which have no Title to Reſt, therefore they ſtill haunt us: They have got in from the Suburbs to the City, and plague ſome Common-Council-men and Magiſtrates; they have as ſurely enter'd into 'em, ſome of our inferior Clergy, Apothecaries, Fundament-Drivers, and excrementious Mob, as ever Old Nick enter'd into the *Gadarenes* Swine. Their Phantoms or Spectres appear in the Shape of Bonfires, Illuminations, Broomſticks, and Mopſtaves, and in the Form of Men with Crape Gowns, in which they rove about *White-Chappel* among the Butchers, Dray-men, Carmen, Porters, *&c.* Nay, Maſter, they have poſſeſs'd moſt of the Oyſter-Wenches, old Chair-women, young Trollops, and not a few of the Farthingale Non-Reſiſtance Ladies. In ſhort, they lay Claim to all thoſe as their own, that are troubl'd with Diſtempers in the lower and upper Regions. But I can tell you more, Maſter, they appear now in ſome Places openly with a Prince of Darkneſs at their Head, drink his Health, and that of his Chaplain *Sacheverell* together, knock down thoſe that will not pledge them; and they have poſſeſs'd ſome topping Magiſtrates with a deaf, dumb, and lame Devil, ſo that they have no Ears to hear any Accuſation againſt thoſe who drink the Pretender's Health, and abuſe others that won't do the like: They have no Hands to ſign Warrants for taking up ſuch People, nor Legs to walk upon to put the Sentences of the Legiſlature in Execution. But mark the Power of the Inchantment, Maſter, they can ſpeak, write, and walk too, to commit ſuch People as inform againſt *Sodomy* and Treaſon, or to rail againſt ſuch as complain that they and their Wives are inſulted by lewd Fellows in the Streets at Night.

Obſ. Thou ha'ſt learn'd ſuch a deal of Cant, *Roger*, that I am afraid the new Prophets have been tampering with thee.

Country-m. You are very much out, Maſter. I am only fill'd with a juſt Reſentment againſt *Ahab*'s falſe Prophets, who are poſſeſs'd with a lying Spirit, and bid *Perkin* and his High-Church Squadrons and Battallions go up to *Ramoth-Gilead*, and proſper, who damn and rail at our gracious Queen, both Houſes of Parliament, our honeſt Biſhops and Clergy, our moderate Church Laiety, and our Brethren, the Proteſtant Diſſenters. Thoſe infernal Spirits do ſo flutter about, Maſter, that ſcarce a Man can keep his Windows or Doors from being broke, except they illuminate their Houſes, eſpecially about the Bank of *England*; for obſerve it, Maſter, they ſay the Treaſure of the Nation belongs to *St. Germains*, and not to *St. James*'s.

Obſ. You muſt not charge the Doctor with any of thoſe Things, *Roger*; for he has appeal'd to God before both Queen and Parliament, that he is for her Majeſty, the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and Indulgence to tender Conſciences; ſo that the honeſt Man has been much abus'd, and unjuſtly defam'd.

Country-m. I know, Maſter, that the non-reſiſting Ladies are as full of his Speeches, as their Farthingales are of Whalebone and Packthread, and every Whit as fond of 'em too. The Common-Prayer-Book is an Aſs to the Doctor's Harrangue with them; but I can bring full Proof that the Doctor's Speech is as full of Falſhood, as an Egg is full of Meat, or at leaſt, that the Doctor is a Changeling.

Obſ. Thou ar't a bold Fellow, *Roger*, how do you make that out?

Country-m. I have Evidence that the Doctor and his Faction can't object againſt, Maſter; 'tis in black and white; and I can aſſure you, that *Henry* ſwears through an Inch-board againſt *Sacheverell*. I'll go on with *Henry*'s Depoſitions, Maſter, which are thus:

Henry, D. D. Fellow of *Magdalen-Colledge*, *Oxon*, and Chaplain of *St. Saviours Southwark*, aged about ——, ſwore that on the 5th of *November* 1709, before the right honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of *London*, in the Cathedral Church of *St. Paul*'s, *Sacheverell* did then and there with an audible Voice *preach up unconditional Obedience, and the utter Illegality of Reſiſtance, on any Pretence whatſoever, and that the contrary Poſitions are damnable, and condemn'd for Rebellion and high Treaſon.* Now, Maſter, we all know that her preſent Majeſty left the late King's Court, and a Letter to his Queen, containing the Reaſons why ſhe did ſo; that her preſent Majeſty went afterwards for Protection from the Deſigns of the Papiſts againſt her Royal Perſon, to the Lords and Gentlemen aſſembl'd in Arms at *Nottingham*, where they publiſh'd a Declaration to juſtify their *reſiſting* their then Sovereign, wherein they have this remarkable Article; 'We own it *Rebellion to reſiſt a King that governs by* 'Law, but he was always accounted a *Tyrant, that*

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'made his Will his Law; and to resist such an one, we 'justly esteem no Rebellion, but a necessary Defence. Now, Master, I think this fairly proves two Things, 1. That the Doctor is guilty of an abominable Falshood, in saying at *St. Paul*'s, that there was no Resistance in the Revolution, and asserting the same again before the Lords, in pag. 2. of his Speech. 2. That since her Majesty join'd those who declar'd they took Arms to resist King *James*, and that the Prince of *Denmark*, her Majesty's late Royal Consort, of happy Memory, did also join the Prince of *Orange* in Arms against that King, 'tis plain, that *Sacheverell* has condemn'd *her Majesty, and her late Royal Consort, as Rebels and Traytors, for which, according to him, they were liable to Damnation.* Let any Man judge then, Master, whether those Ladies that were so charm'd with the Doctor's Speech, and, as his Party gave out, shed Tears for him, ought not to have cover'd their Faces with their Farthingales, instead of their Fans, when they saw and heard this hypocritical Priest so solemnly appeal to God, that he was affectionately loyal to her Majesty, when at the same Time he told her Majesty to her Face, that such as resist Princes, on any Pretence whatever, are liable to Damnation; tho' he knew, that her Majesty not only approv'd, but join'd with those who resisted the late King.

Obs. I confess, *Roger*, you have prov'd your Point so well, that I think it Time for me to resign my Post, and henceforward to leave you and your Son *Tom* to carry on the *Observator*.

Country-m. I shall be sorry to lose your Company, Master; but since you have given me good Reasons for it, I will not urge you beyond your Conveniency. I and my Son *Tom* have profited so much by your Instructions, that we will carry it on our selves, towel the *Sacheverellian* Males, and flog their Non-resisting Females; for I find we must not all quit our Posts, since the Doctor has still a plaguy Itch at Mobbing, and came thro' the City on *Monday* Night in a Charet and four, to shew himself to his Rout, who follow'd him in a tumultuous Manner, huzzaing, as if he and they had a Mind to insult the publick Justice of the Nation, and the Government of the City, where his seditious hair-brain'd Sermons, and the slavish Decree of his University, were burnt by the Hand of the common Hang-man that same Day. But let you and I finish this Paper, Master, and drink a Bottle of *October* ere we part.

Obs. With all my Heart, *Roger*.

Country-m. Then, Master, I will give you a farther Proof of the Doctor's Loyalty to the Queen; of his Respect to the Parliament, and of his Thoughts about the Toleration. *Henry* depones, that *Sacheverell*, in his *Political Union*, printed first at *Oxon*, with Vice-Chancellor *Mander*'s Imprimatur, *June* the 2d, 1702. and reprinted this Year by *Henry Hills*, says, p. 22. 'That the Dissenters, 'particularly the Presbyterians, are not to be look'd 'upon as a religious Sect, but as a political Fa'ction in our State, and as a Combination against 'our Settlement.--- That *Indulgence* is the least of 'their Designs, whatever specious Colour they 'may cast upon them; and that the *sanctify'd Pre'tence of Conscience, is only an artificial and solemn* 'Disguise, to impose upon the Credulity of the 'Nation, which shall much sooner feel than un'derstand that *incomprehensible Term.* And p. 23. 'That every Man who wishes Welfare to the 'Church of *Eagland, ought to hang out the bloody* 'Flag, *and Banner of Defiance against them.* Yet *Sacheverell* said before the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, 4to Sermon, p. 20. 'That he would not be 'misunderstood, as if he intended to cast the least 'invidious Reflexion upon that *Indulgence* the Go'vernment has condescended to give them: And before the Lords, Speech, pag. 3. 'That he has no 'where in his Sermon shewn any the least Dislike 'of the *Indulgence granted by Law to* Dissenters. But *Henry* swears this is false, Master; for, in that same Page, *Sacheverell* commends Queen *Elizabeth* for utterly *suppressing them by wholesome Severities*, blames King *James* the IIst that he did not do the like; and in the Bottom of that same Page, after this knavish Apology, *Sacheverell* says, 'That the false Brethren and Dissenters are 'plotting our utter Ruin; and now are we in no 'Danger under these deplorable Circumstances, 'must we lull our selves under this sad Repose, 'and in such a stupid lethargick Security embrace 'it. And p. 25, he says, 'the Dissenters, had they 'liv'd in St. *Paul*'s Time, would have branded him 'as an intemperate, hot, furious Zealot.---- That 'Schism and Faction are Things of impudent and 'incroaching Natures; they thrive upon Conces'sions; take Permission for Power; and advance a 'Toleration immediately into an Establishment; 'and are therefore to be *treated like growing Mis'chiefs, or infectious Plagues, kept at a distance, lest* 'their deadly Contagion spread.----- *Let our Superior* 'Pastors do their Duty in thundering out their Eccles'astical Anathema's, and let any Power on Earth dare 'reverse a Sentence ratify'd in Heaven. *Henry* swears also, that *Sacheverell*, in his *Derby* Sermon, p. 4. 'says, that *authorizing Schism, Faction*, &c. *makes* 'those who authorize it, especially *Magistrates*, *account*'able to God for the Crimes of their Inferiors, in which 'they are Partakers, and consequently they will bear the 'Load of a double Damnation. P. 23 and 24. that the 'authorizing of Schism, recoils upon the Person in 'Authority, basely abusing his Power; prostituting the 'Vicegerency of God to execrable Purposes; betraying 'his sacred Trust and Commission; and violating his 'Faith and Honour. Now, Master, since *Sacheverell*, in all his Libels, speaks of the Dissent as a damnable Schism, and that Her Majesty and the Parliament have tolerated it by Law, *Henry* demands Judgment against *Sacheverell*, for laying upon Her Majesty, and Her Parliament, a double Load of Damnation; and for appealing to God, that what he said in his Speech was intirely agreeable to his Thoughts and Principles: So that, I think, I have plainly prov'd, Master, that either *Sacheverell* has perjur'd himself, or chang'd his Sentiments since he publish'd those seditious Libels.

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